

SENATE RESOLUTION 217

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Betty Fox Middlecoff of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Betty Fox Middlecoff; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Middlecoff was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Middlecoff served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-six years as a high school teacher in the Fayette County School System, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, born July 25, 1926, in Knoxville, Mrs. Middlecoff earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Tennessee and her Masters in Education from Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Middlecoff was an active and devout member of the Somerville First United Methodist Church, which she served faithfully for many years in many capacities, including as a member of the Community Bible Study program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Middlecoff was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Betty Middlecoff enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Lawrence Middlecoff, who was a beloved Fayette County farmer, strawberry farm operator, and decorated United States Army Veteran, from 1952 until his death in 1987; she was the proud mother of Barbara Baker and Mark Middlecoff and is further survived by her sister, Patricia Smith, and her husband, Lloyd, as well as four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, Mrs. Middlecoff was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph Fox and Aileen Ray Fox; and

WHEREAS, remembered for her kindness, Mrs. Middlecoff possessed a rare and genuine love for education, her family, her community, her church, and her many students; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Middlecoff leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Betty Fox Middlecoff, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Middlecoff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.